

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

-- A television production system affords simplification over the automation of a television program such as a news program by making use of State Memory Objects (S-MEMs), each defining one or more operations for execution by one or more production devices. The S-MEMS serve to control one or more actuators on a control panel so that each actuator on the control panel can control different function of different pieces of production equipment depending on the S-MEM selected-, and the actuator manifests a status of the production device. --